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Honorable Drue Lewis  
Assistant Secretary  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

As indicated in your letter of May 6, 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission is aware of the international implications connected with the treatment accorded the inhabitants of the Marshall Islands, particularly insofar as such treatment is related to atomic testing. I would like to assure you of the Commission's full cooperation in preparing factual matter which can be used in presenting the United States position to the United Nations in the most favorable light.

In connection with this problem we recently received a separate communication from the Assistant Secretary of State requesting answers to specific questions which might serve to support the United States position in discussions before the Trusteeship Council. The Commission is presently assembling answers to the questions raised and is planning to convene a staff meeting of interested agencies, including the appropriate representatives of the Department of Interior, for discussion of this matter in the near future. The State Department has informed us that a copy of the above letter was furnished to the Department of Interior.

I believe that with Interior Department staff participation in discussions that will evolve answers to the State Department questions, sufficient information will be developed to resolve any problems which you might anticipate in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

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This matter of procedure has been discussed with Mr. Youman, in Mr. Strass's office, and it is my understanding that it is satisfactory to him. It is therefore my suggestion that we not set a time for a meeting to discuss the matter of the State's policy on this question until we are more certain of the position it has been determined that the Government's answers to the questions presented by the Department of State, which will be evolved by our respective staffs, are or are not adequate for your purposes. If there are then matters which need further discussion at this time, I will be most pleased to arrange with Mr. Strass for the necessary meeting.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Nichols  
General Manager